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Set	Items	Description
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? s	(domain (1w) names)	
	898506	DOMAIN
	3478086	NAMES
S1	51488	(DOMAIN (1W) NAMES)
? s s1	(20n) (identif??????? ?) (10n) (subject or service or goods or merchandise)	
Processing		
Processed 10 of 26 files ...		
Processing		
Processed 20 of 26 files ...		
Completed processing all files		
	51488	S1
	6934481	IDENTIF??????? ?
	5804362	SUBJECT
	19930724	SERVICE
	3405430	GOODS
	908852	MERCHANDISE
S2	282	S1 (20N) (IDENTIF??????? ?) (10N) (SUBJECT OR SERVICE OR GOODS OR MERCHANDISE)
? s s2	and (provider or seller or merchant or vendor or retailer)	
	282	S2
	5777477	PROVIDER
	461752	SELLER
	651930	MERCHANT
	1360667	VENDOR
	1311900	RETAILER
S3	135	S2 AND (PROVIDER OR SELLER OR MERCHANT OR VENDOR OR RETAILER)
? rd	s3	

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>>>Records from unsupported files will be retained in the RD set.

S4 87 RD S3 (unique items)

? s s4 and pd<19990924

>>>File 15 processing for PD= : PD=19990924

>>> started at PD=710000 stopped at PD=930106

>>>File 9 processing for PD= : PD=19990924

>>> started at PD=871119 stopped at PD=990324

>>>File 810 processing for PD= : PD=19990924

>>> started at PD=850116 stopped at PD=911127

>>>File 275 processing for PD= : PD=19990924

>>> started at PD=140103 stopped at PD=890111

>>>File 476 processing for PD= : PD=19990924

>>> started at PD=19820102 stopped at PD=19881015

>>>File 624 processing for PD= : PD=19990924

>>> started at PD=104 stopped at PD=921201

>>>File 636 processing for PD= : PD=19990924

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>>> started at PD=19880101 stopped at PD=19940324
>>>File 621 processing for PD= : PD=19990924
>>> started at PD=00000000 stopped at PD=19910208
>>>File 813 processing for PD= : PD=19990924
>>> started at PD=100000 stopped at PD=900920
>>>File 16 processing for PD= : PD=19990924
>>> started at PD=19900101 stopped at PD=19950623
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Processing

Processed 10 of 26 files ...

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>>>File 160 processing for PD= : PD=19990924
>>> started at PD=2103 stopped at PD=770314
>>>File 634 processing for PD= : PD=19990924
>>> started at PD=12/7/04 stopped at PD=901208
>>>File 148 processing for PD= : PD=19990924
>>> started at PD=140105 stopped at PD=830728
>>>One or more prefixes are unsupported
>>> or undefined in one or more files.
>>>File 583 processing for PD= : PD=19990924
>>> started at PD=100001 stopped at PD=890322
>>>File 474 processing for PD= : PD=19990924
>>> started at PD=101111 stopped at PD=740603
>>>File 475 processing for PD= : PD=19990924
>>> started at PD=191111 stopped at PD=810213
>>>File 99 processing for PD= : PD=19990924
>>> started at PD=DEC.1200 stopped at PD=19910204
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Processing

Processed 20 of 26 files ...

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>>>File 347 processing for PD= : PD=19990924
>>> started at PD=197610 stopped at PD=19830411
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Processing

Completed processing all files

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87 S4
17775792 PD<19990924
S5 1 S4 AND PD<19990924
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Method and apparatus for directing E-Mail

Verfahren und Gerat zur Vermittlung von elektronischer Post

Methode et appareil pour acheminer le courrier electronique

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A central mail server (32) and a plurality of loosely connected sites (38.1,38.2) are connected to the Internet (100). The central mail server (32) is associated with a unique Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) address. Each loosely connected site (38.1,38.2) is associated with a unique domain name, all said domain names being mapped to the TCP/IP address. Mail addressed to the loosely connected sites utilising said domain names is forwarded on the basis of the TCP/IP address to the central mail server (32) where the mail is stored. Upon connection of one of said loosely connected sites (38.1,38.2) to the Internet (100) via a temporary line (36.4) associated with a temporary TCP/IP address, that TCP/IP address is established. E-mail stored and addressed with the domain name of that loosely connected site is forwarded from said central mail server (32) to that loosely connected site via said temporary line.

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CLAIMS 1. A method of directing electronic mail (E-mail) receivable via the Internet and which is intended for one of a plurality of loosely connected sites, the method comprising the steps of:
providing a mail server (32) that is connectable with the Internet (100);
causing a Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) address to be associated with the mail server (32);
allocating to each of a plurality of loosely connected sites (38.1,38.2) a unique domain name;
causing all of said domain names to be associated with a common TCP/IP address;
causing the mail server (32) to be connected with the Internet;
receiving and storing E-mail intended for said sites (38.1,38.2) on the mail server (32);
upon connection of one of said loosely connected sites (38.1,38.2) to the Internet (100) via a temporary line (36.4) associated with a temporary TCP/IP address, establishing that temporary TCP/IP address;

- and,
causing the mail with the domain name associated with that site to be forwarded to that site via the line (36.4) associated with the temporary TCP/IP address.
2. A method according to claim 1, including the step of causing the loosely connected sites (38.1,38.2) to be intermittently connected to the Internet (100).
 3. A method according to claim 1 or claim 2, including the step of causing the mail server (32) to identify and verify the identity of a connected site before mail with the domain associated with that site is forwarded to that site.
 4. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising the steps of storing mail delivered to a site on a mail server (40) at said site and making mail intended for a station (pr1,pr2,pr3,pr4) connected at said site in a network configuration available for access by said station (pr1,pr2,pr3,pr4) on the basis of an alias associated with the domain name for said site.
 5. Apparatus for directing electronic mail (E-mail) received via the Internet, the apparatus comprising
a central mail server (32) connectable to the Internet (100); and,
a plurality of loosely connected sites (38.1,38.2) connectable to the Internet (100),
the central mail server (32) being associated with a unique Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) address; and,
each loosely connected site (38.1,38.2) being associated with a unique domain name, all said domain names being mapped to the TCP/IP address;
the arrangement being such that, in use, mail addressed to the loosely connected sites utilizing said domain names is forwarded on the basis of the TCP/IP address to the central mail server (32) where the mail is stored;
the apparatus further comprising connection facilitating means (46,48) for establishing, upon connection of one of said loosely connected sites (38.1,38.2) to the Internet (100) via a temporary line (36.4) associated with a temporary TCP/IP address, that TCP/IP address; and,
control means (46) for forwarding from said central mail server (32) to that loosely connected site via said temporary line, E-mail stored and addressed with the domain name of that loosely connected site.
 6. Apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising a distributed mail server (40) located at each loosely connected site for storing the mail forwarded to that site.
 7. Apparatus according to claim 5 or claim 6, wherein the control means (46) is arranged to verify the identity of a connected site before mail addressed with the domain name of that site is forwarded to that site.
 8. Apparatus according to any of claims 5 to 7, wherein the connection facilitating means (46,48) comprises a processor (46) forming part of or associated with said central mail server (32) and running a first application-specific computer program and a processor (48) forming part of or associated with the distributed mail server (40) at said loosely connected site and running a second application-specific computer program.
- ...SPECIFICATION called fully connected site is permanently connected via a leased line to an Internet Service **Provider** (ISP), who provides access to the Internet. With this system, the user owns a domain...
connected site 12 is permanently connected via a leased line 14 to an Internet Service *****Provider***** (ISP) 16. The ISP 16 provides access to the Internet. The site 12 owns a...

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...32 or Message Transfer Agent (MTA) located at the site 31 of a mail service ***provider***. The server 32 is permanently connected to the Internet 100 via an ISP 34.

A...

...1 and 38.2 of which are shown. The sites are customers of mail service ***provider*** 31. The sites may be substantially similar in configuration and architecture and therefore only site...

...to a single TCP/IP address for the mail server 32 at the mail service ***provider*** site 31.

Mail originating from sender 44 and intended for site 38.1 is sent...

...address. The mail is received by the server 32 and stored in accordance with the ***domain*** ***names*** used.

At the mail **service provider** 31 there are provided connection facilitating means and TCP/IP address **identifier** means 46. In an example, these are in the form of application specific software 46...

...lines 36.1 to 36.n, as described above. When so connected, the mail service **provider** 31 identifies and verifies the identity of the connected site. Only after this verification is...

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